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asunto:

SUBJECT: Petition to postpone the discussion and decision to include the *Txori Argi* on the IUU list. Existence of a prior juridical matter to be decided by the administrative court of Mozambique.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you regarding the request by Mozambique authorities to include our vessel the *Txori Argi* on the IOTC IUU list.

For your information please find attach letter from our legal counselor requesting to postpone *ad cautelam*, after the finding by the administrative court of Mozambique, the discussion and decision to include the *Txori Argi* on the IOTC IUU list.

The reason is that there have been severe signs of irregularity and illegality (and involving a public forged document) in the Administrative proceedings of fishery offences that were brought against INPESCA by Mozambique. Apart from many other elements of the case that make this request by Mozambique has no legal and technical basis.

Requesting by Mozambique our vessel to be listed in the IUU list, without awaiting the finding by the Administrative Court of Mozambique as would be legally prudent and sensible, with the aim of persecution and revenge, might cause to INPESCA an irreparable damage, or difficult to repair, if the decision may eventually be declared illegal by the Administrative Court in Mozambique.

INPESCA have always been committed to responsible fisheries, as we have proved by cooperating in various projects dealing with fisheries sustainability where the TXORI ARGÍ has participated. Our company and our vessel TXORI ARGÍ have gotten Friend of the Sea (FOS) certification of sustainable fishing. For this reason and because the case is still *sub judice*, we demand the recognition of the elementary presumption of innocence that the rule of law grants.

Yours sincerely.

Guillermo Arrien
Director